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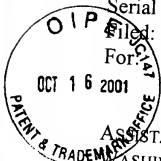
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METHOD OF PRODUCING NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES WITH
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Sir:

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Applicant respectfully requests a two (2) month extension of time from August 23, 2001, up to and including October 23, 2001 to respond to the Office Action mailed May 23, 2001, in the above-referenced case. Responsive to that Office Action, Applicant requests entrance of the following Amendments into the case, and consideration of the following Remarks:

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AMENDMENT

Kindly amend the application as follows.

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 15, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Figure 2. A) DNA primer and template sequence used for the polymerase extension reaction.
B) Phosphorimage of the 10% denaturing PAGE analysis of the polymerase extension reactions. The dNTP composition (A/D, T/S, G, C) and the polymerase present in each reaction are indicated. The positions of the ³²P-labeled primer (SEQ ID NO: 1) and 30-mer products (SEQ ID NO: 2) are indicated by arrows.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 21, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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